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Building the Mini-Baja

Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

A competitive mini-Baja vehicle needs to pull logs, operate in up to five feet of water, maneuver around trees, navigate on rough terrain and pass an endurance test.

Eleven UTM engineering students are working diligently to be competitive in the 2006 Mini Baja East Competition.

Senior project manager Darin Cate of Bruceton says that he and his team started building this year's mini-Baja vehicle last May. The 2006 Mini Baja East Competition is being held in Auburn, Ala., this year and is less than two months away. "So far we are staying on schedule," Cate says. "We are two weeks away from having it running."

More than 70 universities from the Eastern United States and Canada compete in the competition. The competition gives engineering students a chance to showcase their skills and expertise in designing a vehicle that can take on some very challenging courses.

Competition events include courses dealing with suspension and traction, land maneuverability, water maneuverability, incline testing, acceleration, and a log pull.

The suspension and traction competition will consist of vehicles having to navigate in a ravine with a cleared Eastern woodland forest floor. The drivers will also have to maneuver around trees and recover from hitting any trees without getting out of their car. The water maneuverability section of the course will require vehicles to start and finish on land and survive a splash in a pond that can be up to five feet deep. In the log pull section, vehicles will be required to pull telephone poles on rolled dirt with a possible incline.



Pictured are 2006 Mini Baja East Competition members Darin Cate, Katie Childress, Phillip Casterline and Greg Peppard.

Successful completion in the endurance race part of the competition will require a vehicle that can survive a 100-mile race, navigating through many of the obstacles experienced in the other competition areas.

Senior engineering student Greg Peppard of Woodlawn, Tenn., says that he expects UTM's mini-Baja vehicle to be the most competitive in the area of water maneuverability. "We have very good flotation and fender setup," Peppard says. "Last year we placed fourth in this area."

Peppard also says that the team has made a few changes in their design this year to correct some mistakes that the team experienced last year. "Last year our frame broke. It's not going to break this year," Peppard says. Despite having a broken frame, UTM's team placed 23rd out of 72 schools in the 2005 competition.

The team is advised by engineering professor Robert LeMaster and includes students Darin Cate, Katie Childress, Phillip Casterline, Greg Peppard, Daniel Hampton, Bryan Boggs, Kenny Lee, Muammer Aykin, Fong-An Kan, Andrew Lykins and Evan Trevathan.

Childress, the only female on the team, says she enjoys working on the project. "I think this is a challenging experience. I love working with my teammates," Childress says.

The students that work on the mini-Baja project say they are always looking for sponsors to help fund the competition. Cate says he expects this year's vehicle to cost at least five thousand dollars. Costs would be even more expensive if it were not for some donated materials and machine work.

The mini-Baja competitions are sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). The UTM team is known as UTM Motorsports.

Focus on Science

Renewable resources focus of new program

Staff Reports

The UTM Physical Plant has announced plans to use soy biodiesel to power its new on-campus power plant.

The \$4.4 million plant, funded in part with a grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority, will operate using diesel made from soybeans, a local agricultural staple.

Physical Plant officials say that soy biodiesel will help reduce the university's dependence on foreign petroleum.

Soy biodiesel is considered a renewable resource since soybeans, which are required for the manufacture of the fuel, can be harvested annually.

Soy biodiesel is also considered considerably less harmful to the environment than conventional oil-based diesel fuels. Dr. S.K. Airee, UTM

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By the Numbers

- Two new employees
- \$25,000 in labor
- \$3,500 in equipment
- \$5,000-\$6,000 in revenue
- Savings of \$300 per landfill dump
- 10 New bins for New York Times program

'Wildlife Wars' topic of author

Staff Reports

Author and conservationist Terry Grosz will speak at 7 p.m., March 8, in Watkins Auditorium in the UC at UTM. A reception will precede from 6-7 p.m. in the lobby of Watkins. Grosz will be available to sign books after the speech. The presentation is sponsored by the UTM Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

Grosz has written eight books including "Wildlife Wars, the Life and Times of a State Fish and Game Warden," which is a compilation of true short stories detailing events that occurred during his career as a fish and game warden in California. Other non-fiction books include "For Love of Wildness, Journal



Terry Grosz

of a United States Game Management Agent," "Defending Our Wildlife Heritage, the Life and Times of a Special Agent," "A Sword for Mother Nature," "No Safe Refuge - Man As a Predator In the World of Wildlife," "The Thin Green Line" and "Genesis of a Duck Cop." Each book details his adventures working with wildlife. His first three books are under contract with

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USDA Rural Development grant funds for REED Center

Staff Reports

UTM representatives recently joined local, state and federal officials at a funding announcement for the City of Martin which received \$60,000 in Rural Development assistance to help relocate the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center.

"Rural Development understands the importance of rural business entrepreneurship," said James Sanders, USDA Rural Development area director. "By serving as a resource to new entrepreneurs, this center will also help stimulate job growth in the region. I would like to acknowledge the participation of the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) in making this grant possible through set aside funds received from Rural Development. This application was selected for funding from among the many requests that were received by DRA."

The City of Martin received a \$60,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant to renovate a building in



Representatives from UTM, the City of Martin and the UTM Reed Center receive a check from the US Department of Agriculture.

downtown Martin to house the REED Center. The new location will be easier to find, more centrally located in the heart of the business district and will provide a consulting office, seminar room, computer lab and resource library that will be

available for REED Center clients.

The center was established by UTM and several partners in the region to serve existing and prospective entrepreneurs and support economic development in rural Northwest Tennessee. In particu-

lar, it will assist entrepreneurs with one-on-one consultations, interactive training programs and technical resources, encourage and support new small-business ventures and promote existing businesses.

Dr. Nick Dunagan, UTM chancellor, called the announcement of the grant "a positive step" aligned with state initiatives in economic development. He noted that the center is an example of the type of partnerships Gov. Phil Bredesen has promoted and will be an asset to regional economic development. He also cited the growth potential of local entrepreneurs who can get assistance from the REED Center.

"It's all about partnerships," said Dr. Tom Payne, UTM Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking. Payne said the center is a "catalyst to get new businesses off the ground. Small business - that's where much of the action in job growth and economic development is going to be," Payne added.

"This is an exciting time for the

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Our View

Editorial: UTM recycling program needs exposure

The very newspaper you are holding is the reason this editorial was written. When you're done with it, what are you going to do? Toss it in the trash? Leave it on a desk? Wrap a fish or two in it?

What about recycling it? If that's your choice, how are you going to do so?

Dennis Kosta, the Custodial Manager for UTM Physical Plant estimates that 30-40% of all recyclable material does not make it into the program.

But the economics of a successful recycling program comes down to the bottom line. If UTM is making \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year for the program while paying out close to \$30,000, how can it remain feasible?

Two main reasons keep the program afloat: It's "environmental conscious" (as in, great PR for the university) and it saves money otherwise spent on dumping trash. Even if the bottom lines don't balance, it's a program worth defending even in a time of shrinking budgets in higher education.

One way to improve the program is having increased visibility around campus. Another is cutting down on labor costs by recruiting volunteers.

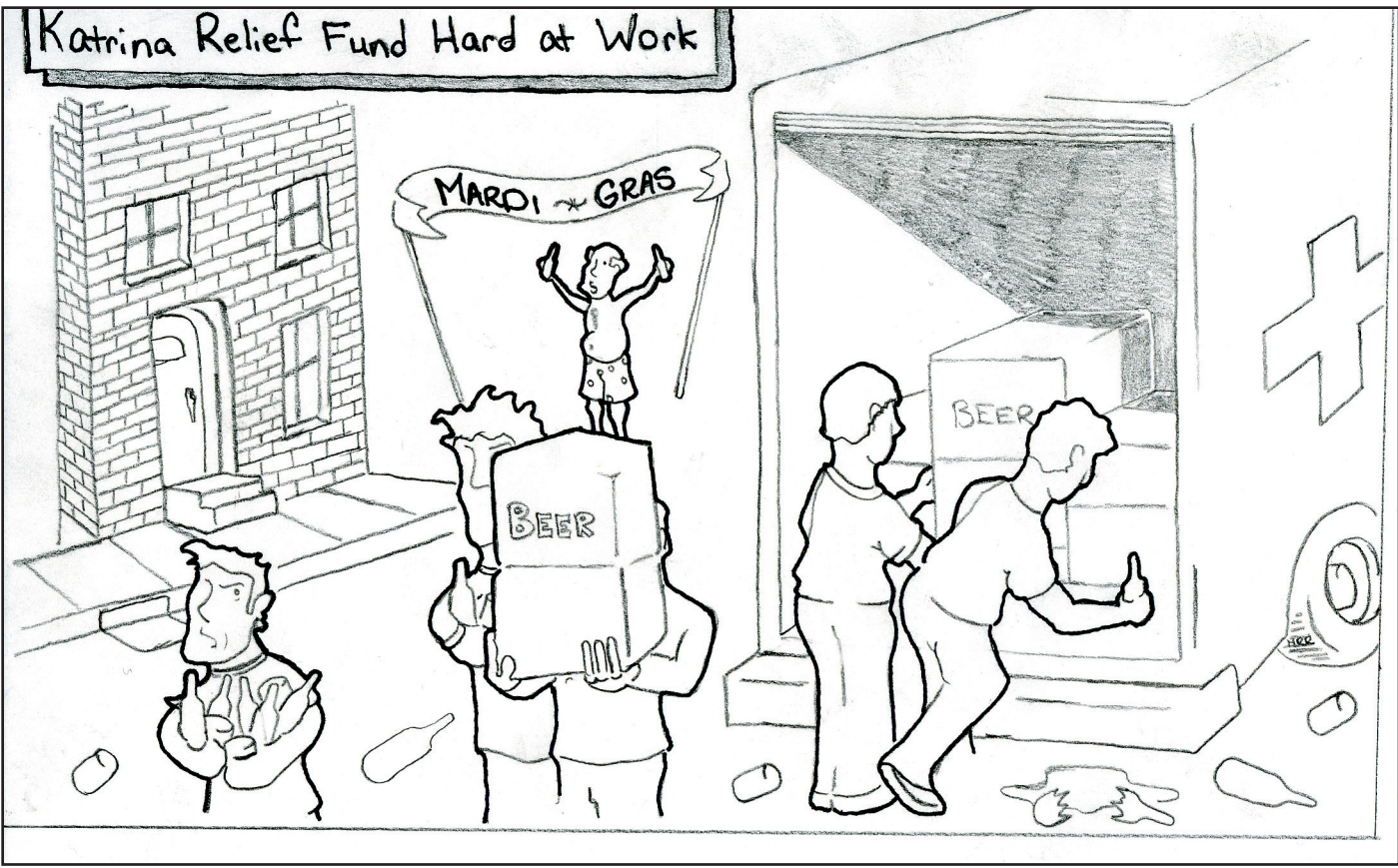
College students, as a whole, are environmentally conscious. We are interested in our future and have a deep-rooted concern for a sustainable ecosystem. Recycling is one of many ways to help perpetuate our resources. UTM students, however, are largely unin-

formed about the campus's recycling program. With a few notable exceptions, bins are not labeled, and few classrooms have separate containers for aluminum cans, plastics, paper and other recyclables. If students have to look for a place to recycle, chances are it will not happen on a large scale. The 30-40% of recyclable goods will continue to make their way to county landfills.

In addition to be environmentally conscious, college students are also able-bodied. The custodial staff is paid to do their work, and recycling programs add on the already cumbersome burden of keeping our campus clean and presentable. Students, on the other hand, can volunteer their time to help provided there is some non-financial incentive to do so. We looked long and hard and could not find a well-organized effort on the part of students to make such a program a reality.

As an institution, there are other ways we can make our campus more environment-friendly. Sodexo Dining Hall Services and Catering could contribute food waste to a composting program. But collection and transportation of the food wastes would again have to be coordinated by students.

It all comes down to activism. We must continue to work toward the goal of reducing our waste on campus, and finding new and innovative ways to plug students into the cause.



Yale dumps books and raises stripper poles

In the collegiate system, Ivy League universities are the cream of the crop. Having a degree from Harvard, Yale or Princeton makes a statement to the world.

Knowing this, many colleges across the country try to emulate what they think are the best parts of those universities.

No one has found any fault with a college trying to better itself and the classes that it offers. After all, every student deserves the best education possible.

So with all that said, I wonder how many colleges will follow Yale's path and offer Sex Week.

Sex Week is a celebration held in the lecture halls at the campus. The organizers



Elaine Wilson
Staff Columnist

free products to students.

And to top it off, they publish Sex Week at Yale which gives explicit advice to men and women on various issues.

Yale itself has no input into the curriculum. The toy company sponsors the event, and advertising helps to pay for costs associated with it.

The event is certainly provocative and I can definitely see merit in some of the topics. Naturally, critics abound, and it's not difficult to understand why.

Parents send their kids to college to get an education. Mathematics, history and science, yes. But sex week? Somehow that just doesn't seem to fit. Especially to

parents, who don't want to think about their kids not being kids anymore.

The president of the university and others involved in making decisions would have to be convinced. That might be a difficult task.

Times have changed and morality isn't what it once was. It's impossible to get through a day without being bombarded with sexual messages from TV, magazines or the Internet.

It may be time to make some changes in college offerings, but somehow I just don't see most universities jumping on this bandwagon.

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Time management keep stressing students sane

College life can be exciting and a turning point in life for many of us. We want to get away from home and start a semi-adult life. That means we are putting more responsibility on our shoulders.

Just imagine being in an student organization, taking a heavy load of classes and getting involved in a relationship.

That is why we need good time management skills. I've talked to an adviser in the Student Success Center.

Stephanie Mueller, adviser at the Student Success Center organized a time management workshop. She used a strategy of treating the total of week's hours as a week's salary.

"There are 160 hours in a week. So I try them to look at it realistically," Mueller explains, "If they thought of hours as dollars, they would plan spending them in a better organized way."

Each hour equals one dollar, and it is up to you what



Ekaterina Marchenko
Guest Columnist

your brain has to keep up with.

With a schedule you will get better organized and wired up for each day, and save time for things you never thought you'd have time to do.

"You can start from simple pen and paper to an iPod and Internet," Mueller said. "You have to manage by month, by week, and by day."

Procrastination is always an issue. Some say they work best under pressure. But Mueller said, what if there are too many deadlines to be met in a short period of time? Accumulating all the work till the "pressure time" will drive you crazy.

With good time management you can divide one big project into manageable parts by spreading it over a few weeks prior to deadline.

In addition to organizing your activities, you have to avoid any unnecessary in-

terruptions, Mueller says.

If the phone is ringing, let the answering machine pick it up.

Robert Beard, the coordinator at the Counseling Center touched upon the importance of a healthy life.

"Don't forget to take care of yourself," Beard says.

It is one thing to have a busy schedule, but it is another thing to have an unhealthy one. Don't try to cram everything into one day.

Sometimes students forget to put important activities in their planner. Regular meals and moderate sleep are the essential elements that keep you moving and working, so they shouldn't be overlooked.

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Running down the aisle, running away from sex talk

With all the talk about \$22,000 weddings and Sex Week, I felt the need to put my two cents in about relationships.

Aren't we rushing into things a little too fast? I can't decide what I want for supper, much less who I want to spend the rest of my life with.

I think that people our age should wait until at least mid to late 20's before getting married. Must I quote the statistic on divorce rates that we've heard a thousand times?

When people wait until



Elizabeth Watts
Viewpoints
Editor

they're older, they should have a secure job, know what they want in their life and can discuss these plans with their future spouse.

Seriously, \$22,000? Has anyone heard of a blue jeans and the justice of the peace? Fifty bucks at the most.

With Sex Week, I can see where Yale is coming from. Most young adults in

today's society learn about sex through the media or their friends. Was I the only one that ran when my mom gave me the sex talk?

Putting an open sexual panel in an academic setting fosters intelligent discussion about sexual issues facing today's society.

Come on, which would you rather hear your future 15 year old daughter say? "Mom, I think I need to go on birth control pills," or "Mom, I think I'm 3 months pregnant?"

Sex is such a taboo subject for some people when it's a

natural part of life. People, live, breathe, have sex and then die. For some strange reason, I'm hearing *The Lion King's* "The Circle of Life."

I'm sure someone made a sex toy joke or a Playboy joke, but I hope that most people were intelligent. I will admit that the original headline for that story was MUCH better and funnier than the one that's going to print.

Sex is natural, and it should become natural for us to talk about. Don't be scared of sex, and quit being eager for marriage.



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Senate to investigate university's UC renovation plans

Heather Roland
Asst. News Editor

The SGA Senate heard the prospective plans for a mergence between the food court and the game room in an attempt to provide a new location for a Tech Center.

As a result to free this location, design plans have been constructed to combine the food court and game room.

UC Assistant Director John Abel came to the SGA meeting on Wednesday night to explain the changes that would be made to provide this location, as well as to gain SGA's approval for this project.

Abel also said that if this project were to take place, the Market would be relocated to the current computer store location. The Market is proposed to have a café setting.

A sports bar look will be given to the game room, with a pool table, ping-pong table, televisions and bar stools to be among its occupancy. The food court will have a variety of food stations where students can enjoy their meals.

Abel stressed that this project is "not a done deal," and that they are looking for students' insight on the project.

In other news, SGA President James Orr informed committees that they must produce a piece of legislation no later than March 1. If no legislation is presented by that date, all members of

SGA in brief

A general consensus could not be met by the members of the SGA Senate to give UC Assistant Director their approval for the prospective food court and game room design plan.

Proposed action

Merge the game room and the food court into one general area, making the game room a "Technology Central."

What it means for you

Assistant Director of the UC John Abel explained that a decision was made approximately one year ago to merge the computer store and the print shop together to create a Tech Center.

The present game room looked to be the ideal location for this Tech Center.

A layout design of the possible food court-game room shows the food court with various eating stations, as well as a game room that will have an appearance similar to that of a sports bar.

The new design calls for 400 sq. ft. of student space to be lost.

There will also be a decrease in the number of seats in the food court area. The food court currently has 130 seats available. The new design only calls for 100 seats.

Abel was told by Al Hooten that students would not have to pay for this remodeling.

Comments

"I like the idea of doing it [merging the food court-game room]," Campus Observation Chair David Taylor said.

"You are getting something new," John Abel said.

"I don't see the necessity in doing this," Senator Chris Engelman said about the shuffling of room locations and the money to be spent on their relocations.

Decision/Vote

It was decided that more information was needed before the SGA Senate could vote on the approval of this matter.

A unanimous vote concluded that a five-member ad hoc committee be formed, and the chairperson report back at the next meeting with more information concerning the project.

Story by Heather Roland
Graphic by Will York

that committee will be charged with an absence.

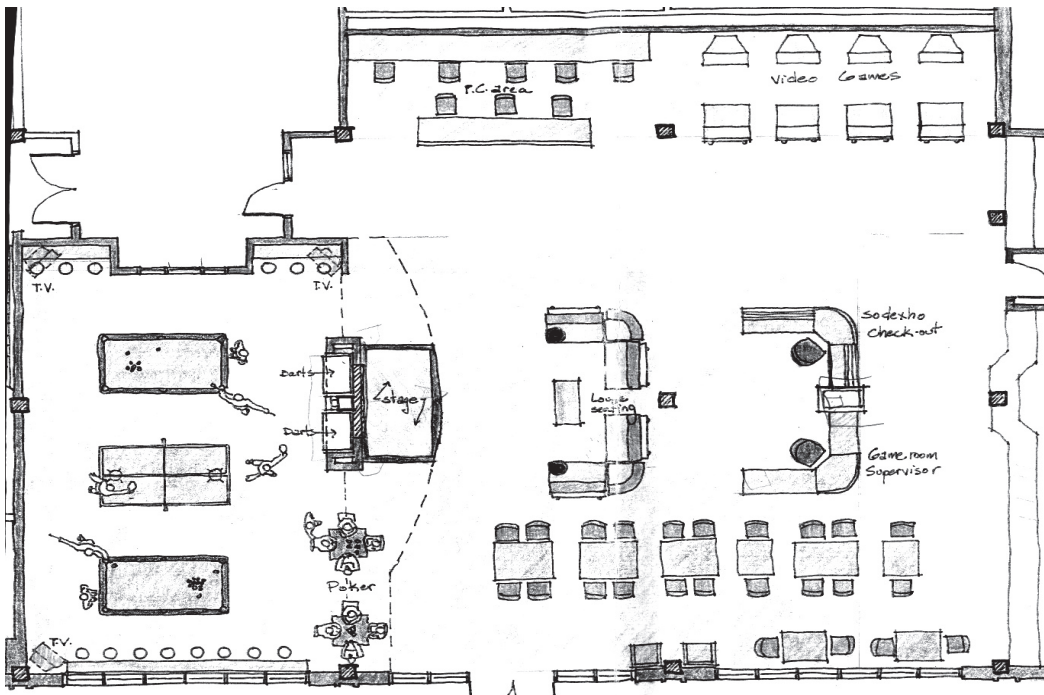
David Taylor, SAC representative, presented a list of activities that will be taking place at, including a table tennis tournament and Alcohol Awareness Week in March.

Julie Hood also presented knowledge of a LeBonheur Dance-a-Thon that will take place on March 24. At this event, food and games will be provided and participants will also learn how to do a variety of dances. Participants are expected to get sponsors for their participation in the event. All benefits will go to support LeBonheur Children's Hospital. The entry fee is \$25.

Ad hoc committee

Chris Cherry,
chair
Amelia Kosta
Emree Serbest
Carrie White

The committee will conduct a census, meet with leaders and report back to the body March 9.



A tentative design for renovating the first floor of the UC has some SGA senators in arms over a reduction in student space. The plan would integrate a technology center on the first floor.

UTM cashes in at TVA Investment Challenge UTM, Murray St. partner in research

Jay Baker
Entertainment Writer

UTM finance students won first place in the 2005 Tennessee Valley Authority Investment Challenge, beating out 25 other universities in a competition where students managed a real stock portfolio that was valued at \$690,000 by the end of 2005, marking a 20.22 percent return this year.

UTM students in a finance class co-taught by Mahmoud Haddad and Arnold Redman, both finance professors, are put in charge of managing hundreds of thousands of dollars and are responsible for every aspect of the process. Students decide when to buy, sell or maintain stock. Students monitored their

portfolio on a daily basis and made stock trades into and out of their holdings to increase the portfolio's worth.

Haddad said students monitored data from a variety of sectors of the U.S. economy as an indicator of when to buy, sell or hold stocks.

"It helps the students because it is a hands-on experience and they are managing real money. The students make all of the decisions on what to buy and sell and maintain the rules regulation that the TVA managers have given them," said Haddad.

Before enrolling in the investment challenge class, students must have taken investment 311. This allows them to learn the theory of investment and then put

" It allows students to practice at what managers at investment companies ... would do every day."

— Professor Mahmoud Haddad

it into practice with real money, said Haddad.

"This is one of the most successful courses in the finance curriculum. It allows hands on experience that will help in the real world. It allows students to practice what managers at investment companies like Merrill Lynch would do every day," said Haddad.

Haddad added that this process is great for helping students find jobs in the field.

Coming in second place

Jay Baker
Entertainment Writer

The UTM and Murray State University chapters of Sigma Xi, the scientific research society, hosted a joint symposium on Feb. 25, 2006 on the MSU campus to share work on practical and foundational advances.

"The talks are diverse, with topics ranging from math, geosciences, engineering, agriculture, nursing, biology, psychology and physics. The purpose of these meetings is to allow time for us to learn what our colleagues are working on both at our own campus and also at other peer campuses," said Jill Kruper, president of the MSU chapter.

Some of the lectures in-

cluded: "Applications of the Microchannel Plate in Accelerator Mass Spectrometry," "Evolutionary Ecology of Life History Variation in Tiger Salamanders," and "Notes on the Villainy of a Graph."

Drs. Sarah Holliday, Misganaw Getaneh, Paula Gale, J. McClure, Louis Kolitsch, Ann Gathers, Michelle Rankin, Tim Burcham and Tracey Sullivan, all from UTM, made presentations ranging from residual stress in carbonized gears to changes in children's brain waves when they receive facial stimulation.

According to their Web site, Sigma XI has over 500 chapters and more than 65,000 members. 200 of their members have won the Nobel Prize.

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Talk Time

Sandy Brunner, student assistant at the English Writing Center, will lead discussions throughout the semester to help students practice conversational skills through the Writing Center. Topics include culture, entertainment, news and grammar. Talk Time is from 4 to 5 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in Humanities 209.

Midnight basketball

The Midnight Basketball Association meets at 10 p.m. every Friday night in the Elam Center. All are welcome.

Grad school guidance

The Office of Counseling and Career Services has free copies of the *Graduate School Guide*, a comprehensive guide to professional and advanced degree programs in the United States and Canada. Copies are available in UC 213.

Student art exhibit

Katie Hausauer, Joe Tucker and Jordyn Jurdak are featured in an art exhibition in the Gallery of the Fine Arts Building. The exhibit closes Feb. 28.

Women's Club presentation

The UTM Faculty Women's Club will host a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. March 7 in UC 206 in observance of Women's History Month. Dr. Sue Byrd, UTM professor, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$10. Call 588-0794 for more information.

Teddy Bear Drive

Take advantage of the after Valentine's Day sales and donate a teddy bear to a child who has gone through a domestic abuse or a fire. This Teddy Bear Drive is sponsored by the UTM Rotaract and runs through today. Collection boxes are located in Gooch

Hall, Brehm Hall, EW James Supermarket, Rountree Business Equipment, the UC post office and Reelfoot bank. For more information, contact utmrotaract@hotmail.com.

Gospel Fest

Gospel Fest, sponsored by the Black Student Association, will be held from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 in the Watkins Auditorium.

Allies

UTM's GLBT social and activist group, will meet at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in Sociology 102.

Campus-Wide Career Day

UTM will be holding a campus-wide career day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the UC. Recruiters from multiple fields will be on hand.

Poetry reading

Bill Brown will present a

reading of his poetry at 6 p.m. Saturday at Dresden Elementary, on Hwy. 22.

Chicago Travel-Study

An interest meeting will be held for an upcoming Chicago travel-study at 12:15 p.m. March 7 in Humanities 211. For more information, call Dr. Stan Sieber at 7467.

Eating disorder screening

A three-day conference on eating disorders will begin today. Films will be presented at 8 p.m. today, Wednesday and Thursday with discussions following. Topics range from anorexia to overeating. Confidential eating disorder screening will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the UC Legislative Chambers and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

Nutrition symposium

The Department of Family

and Consumer Sciences will present a nutrition symposium from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday in the Watkins Auditorium and Duncan Ballroom. Seminars will be presented throughout the day.

SGA Freshmen Council

The SGA Freshmen Council will meet at 9 p.m. Thursday in the Legislative Chambers in the UC. Their meetings are open to the public.

UAC Meeting

Undergraduate Alumni Council will meet at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the UC Legislative Chambers. The agenda includes selection of officers, homecoming committee assignments and grand finale discussion. All members are encouraged to attend

Students charged in Dairy Queen theft

Staff Reports

Three UTM students were charged with theft and vandalism charges after they stole a game machine at a local business, according to a Martin Police Department report.

Workers at the Dairy Queen at 555 Elm Street called the Martin Police Department Friday night after they had found that someone had taken the Impulse electronic game machine that was located next to the

north entrance.

When Patrolman David Bell arrived he was able to get a good enough description of three white males that had been playing the game an hour and a half earlier from the workers inside the store that he was able to locate them a short time later. Bell found the game in possession of three University of Tennessee at Martin Students.

The three had already damaged the game by gaining entry to the money bin

inside. The game is valued at \$500.00 and there was \$58.50 in quarters inside the game.

Derek Heard, 18, Jonathan Henshaw, 18, and Mark Whiles, 18, all UTM students, were arrested in the case.

The three were scheduled to be arraigned in Weakley County General Sessions Court on their charges Monday afternoon, but the outcome was not available as of press time.

REED: Continued from Cover

REED Center," said Hollie Holt, REED Center coordinator. "Since our opening six months ago, we have assisted more than 60 aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners throughout the West Tennessee area. That wouldn't have happened without the support and partnership of our local banks, USDA Rural Development and our university that have allowed this center to get established. We look forward to making our communities a better place to live by helping to create jobs and new opportunities."

The grant is fund-

ed through Rural Development's business program which provides assistance to public bodies or not-for-profit entities to finance and facilitate development of private business enterprises and improve community infrastructure such as roads, streets and utilities.

Participants in the check presentation ceremony included: Brad Thompson, field representative for U.S Rep. John Tanner; Mayor Brundige; Chancellor Dunagan; Holt; Payne; Dr. Phillip Young, Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise; Sam

Lewallen, First State Bank community bank president; Paula Lovett, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development/grants program management; and Van Wylie, area specialist, and Sanders, area director, USDA Rural Development.

REED Center partners include First Citizens National Bank and First State Bank. Supporter is Reelfoot Bank, and Friends include First Choice Office Equipment, Office Products, Regions Bank, Tennessee Small Business Development Centers and USDA Rural Development.

Wildlife Wars: Continued from Cover

Discovery Channel's "The Animal Planet."

Grosz's first fictional book, "Crossed Arrows," takes place in the 1830s during the fur trade. The book tells the story of two close friends and their adventures as fur trappers.

Grosz grew up in northern California in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. He

has a master's degree in wildlife management from Humboldt State College and an honorary doctorate in environmental stewardship from Unity College. He has received many awards for his work as a conservationist including the "Guy Bradley Award," named after the first conservation officer killed in the line of

duty, the "National Wildlife Federation Conservation Achievement Award" and the "National Wildlife Societies Conservationist of the Year Award."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Eric Pelren, associate professor of wildlife biology, at 731-881-7263.

Resources: Continued from Cover

chemistry professor, says burning biodiesel reduces emissions of ozone, carbon dioxide, sulfur and other pollutants.

However, biodiesel currently costs more than using conventional diesel products. But Physical Plant Director Tim Nipp says the benefits outweigh the costs.

"The advantage is that (biodiesel) is an alternative fuel, a step of ours in trying to be less dependent on petroleum," Nipp says.

The university does not have currently have a wide-spread recycling program for plastics.

UTM recently began a composting project to reduce garbage dumping waste from leaves and horse manure. Workers collect leaves and combine them with horse manure to be spread in the Quad as compost. Kosta says the university has plans to ally with Dining Services to add waste food products to the composting project.

The New York Times from the American Democracy Project. The 32 gallon bins have a special slit in the top for the newspapers.

In the past, student groups have organized to help raise awareness for recycling programs, but he says that those groups have faded through the years.

"We do need students who are interested in the environment and recycling to help spread the word," Kosta says.

A recycling project began at UTM in 1992 and has expanded since then. Kosta says UTM is doing a good job in recycling, but that there is still progress to be made.

"Our biggest problem is with educating faculty and students," Kosta says. "There's probably 30 to 40 percent of recyclable items that get thrown away. A lot of people don't know we have a recycling program."

Recycling is not exactly cost-effective for UTM, but Kosta says that recycling is "the right thing to do for the environment," regardless of the cost.

Between hiring two full-time employees to tend to the university's recycling endeavors and equipment costs, the university spends about \$30,000 annually on recycling, while only making about \$6,000 in revenue from selling the recyclable waste.

Kosta says the university recovers some of its losses by saving money that would be spent on dumping waste in landfills. He estimates each truckfull would cost \$300.

Kosta says the university recently placed 10 new recycling bins in classrooms that are receiving

The university's decision to use alternative energy sources to power its new electrical facility comes on the heels of President Bush's calls last week for further investment in alternative fuel sources.

UTM already uses waste motor oil from university vehicles to power the building that warehouses the university's recycling operations.

The implementation of biodiesel in the coming power generation facility is only one facet of UTM's commitment to recycling and a clean environment, Physical Plant officials say.

Dennis Kosta, Physical Plant housekeeping manager, is responsible for UTM's recycling program.

Kosta says UTM recycles more than 100 tons of paper and cardboard annually. Every office on campus is outfitted with a blue recycling bin for waste paper, and Dining Services has receptacles for cardboard, which they use extensively. The library also recycles its old magazines, and the steam plant recycles its scrap metal, Kosta says. Recycling receptacles are also located in classroom buildings, with bins for paper and aluminum cans.



The Tanasi Drum Group performs at last week's Civil Rights Conference, demonstrating traditional African music. Performances by American Indian groups and UTM choirs demonstrated music from several traditions. The conference's theme was "Leadership."

Photos by MEGHAN GREEN / The Pacer

Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

6:30 p.m., Feb. 17 Browning Hall Christi R. Taylor was issued a citation for simple possession of marijuana (General Sessions Court).	phone calls (Investigation continues).
Noon, Feb. 20 Brehm Hall Report of a fire alarm sounding. Fire department and officers responded. It was determined to be a false alarm and the system was reset.	4:08 a.m., Feb. 24 McCord Hall Ty W. Winkler was referred to Student Affairs for first offense underage drinking violation.
12:45 p.m., Feb. 22 Marvis D. Pollard was arrested based upon warrants issued out of Shelby County, Tenn. Subject was transported to the Weakley County Sheriff's Office.	8:10 a.m., Feb. 24 Mt. Pelia Road Celise N. Johnson was issued a citation for speeding and no insurance (General Sessions Court).
11:36 a.m., Feb. 23 University Street Leonel R. Morales was issued a citation for speeding, no drivers license and no insurance (General Sessions Court).	12:30 a.m., Feb. 25 Oxford Street Justin R. Barker was issued a citation for violation of underage drinking law (General Sessions Court).
3:32 p.m., Feb. 23 Lot 20 Traffic accident involving two vehicles (Report on file).	12:49 a.m., Feb. 26 Browning Hall Report of damage to a glass door (Report on file).
2:03 a.m., Feb. 24 University Courts Subject reported receiving harassing	3:30 a.m., Feb. 26 University Village Megan E. Dempsey was arrested on domestic assault (General Sessions Court).

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“Durang/Durang” provides Vanguard a perfect way to bow out

Jason Bohanan
Staff Writer

Vanguard Theatre presented a multi-play event for its spring production Feb. 23-26 at the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

The event included four short comedies that belong to a larger work, “Durang/Durang,” written by contemporary playwright Christopher Durang. The first act was composed of three plays, “Mrs. Sorken,” “For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls” and “Medea.” The second act was “Beyond Therapy.”

The event opened with “Mrs. Sorken,” a one-woman comic monologue that featured Melanie Hollis, a theater assistant in the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts. The character Mrs. Sorken served as hostess for the evening and attempted to explain the roots of modern theater in her own uncoordinated way.

The second play, “For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls,” was a parody of the Tennessee Williams play “The Glass Menagerie.” In the play Lawrence, played by Ron Peckham, a Martin native, was the socially inept son of Amanda, played by Kim Gibson, a junior English major from Fayetteville.

Ginny, a feminine caller played by Senior Theater major Adrien Eubank, from Crossville, calls on Lawrence one evening. Eventually Amanda and Lawrence discovered Ginny had a girlfriend and would no longer come to see Lawrence.

The final play of the first act, “Medea,”

was co-written by Wendy Wasserstein and was a parody of Euripides’ classic Greek tragedy “Medea.” Natalie Horbelt, a freshman Theater major from Memphis, played Medea, who was distraught after discovering that her husband Jason was unfaithful. Jason was played by Dusty Stringer, a sophomore Graphic Design major from Martin.

The second act, “Beyond Therapy,” was a satire of modern life and people’s dependence on therapy to solve their problems.

Prudence, played by senior Theater major Jennifer Baumgardner, from McKenzie, answered a personal ad posted by Bruce, played by Will Cook, a senior Graphic Design major from Martin. Bruce’s male lover Bob, played by Brandon Douglas, a freshman Theater major from Jackson, objects to Bruce seeking a girlfriend.

Bruce introduces Bob to his therapist, Charlotte Wallace, played by Allyson Truly, a sophomore Social Work major from Memphis. The audience soon discovered that Wallace and Prudence’s therapist, Dr. Stuart Framingham, played by UTM graduate Anderson Nichols, needs therapy more than their clients.

“Mrs. Sorken,” “Medea” and “Beyond Therapy” were directed by theater professor Ken Zimmerman. “For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls” was directed by Hollis, who was also in charge of costumes.

“Melanie is an extremely accomplished director and it was a good opportunity to give our students a chance to work with a

different director,” Zimmerman said.

The unconventional style of the play made for unique entertainment. “It’s not so much the story that’s the entertaining part,” Zimmerman said. “It’s the style of production that gives it its entertainment value.”

The event also presented special production challenges for the cast. “Our play, ‘Medea,’ is short and sweet- five pages, 12 minutes,” said Stephanie Dowell, a senior communications major from Nashville. “It requires a lot of work to keep the show tight and the energy moving.”

“You can’t give the audience time to think about it,” Dowell said. “You have to keep going and going.”

“It was a little long,” said Heather Hamilton, a freshman dental hygiene major from Memphis. “It was good though. It was funny.”

“I would say I liked pretty much all of it,” said Adam Shobe, a sophomore Computer Science major from Dresden. “I liked the controversial nature of it. It was pretty good.”

The event was the last play to be presented by Vanguard Theatre this year. The Harriet Fulton Theatre will host the Voices of the South on April 21-22 and 28-29, which will be student-directed plays presented in the Lab Theatre. For more information contact either Ken Zimmerman or Dr. Doug Cook, Chair of the Visual and Theatre Arts Department.



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The cast of “Medea”, one of the plays featured in “Durang/ Durang” which was presented by the Vanguard Theatre over the weekend.

Dance group gives students a taste of traditonal African life

Risa Yoshimura
Staff Writer

One of the programs presented for Black History Month was African Dance, which was performed at the Field House on Wed. Feb. 22nd.

Bantaba Dance Company, a traditional African Dance and percussion ensemble, presented the performance, which consists of dances and rhythms highlighting various aspects of African cultures. The performance included the essence of womanhood, the celebration of the individuals and various rites of passage.

The Bantaba Dance Company of Memphis consists of teachers, professionals and students from local colleges and high schools.

“Bantaba is not just made up of dancers and drummers,” said Corey Davis, co-founder and musical director of Bantaba. “We operate as a family.”

People were greeted by the smell of ethnic incense. This smell made it seem as if the people in the audience were in some African village.

Before they performed, every member of the Bantaba made a circle and held hands to pray for nature, each African country and various other things. The audience also became one of Bantaba’s family members and prayed with them.

The performers were dressed in African traditional dress and performed using their entire bodies.

There were seven different shaped drums and each drum played seven different sounds. With these sounds, six women would dance.



MEGHAN GREEN/ The Pacer
Members of the Bantaba Dance Group perform for UTM students in celebration of Black History Month.

Each performance was based on the Africans’ daily lifestyles. The audience enjoyed them and were laughing at every story.

At the end of the performance, Bantaba dancers told the African traditional dance steps to the UTM students. The audience gave a standing ovation for the Bantaba Dance Group.



MEGHAN GREEN/ The Pacer
Members of the Bantaba Dance Group invite UTM students to join their prayer.

BeanSwitch presents the college edition of “See ’N Say”: a night of live art and poetry

Open-mic art show gives students a chance to show their stuff.

Sara McIntosh
Staff Writer

Students presented their works of art during the See n Say open-mic night held last Tuesday.

The atmosphere was calm as people walked in the door. The art was assembled the artists as well as members of the Beanswitch staff. Poets were working on the order of who would be presenting their works for the evening. People wandered around and enjoyed some refreshments as they viewed the artwork.

Many of the BeanSwitch members had their cameras out to capture the students’ art because they were trying to find the cover for the next issue of BeanSwitch.

The paintings varied in tone and concepts with even a bit of political commentary. A photograph of Vice President Dick Cheney was smeared in red paint while the surrounding background appeared to have

missing pieces. Many students laughed at this piece. There were even talks of potential buyers of this art.

One work by Christian Ashlar was of a man, complete with vacant blank eyes and shrouded with a rainbow. “The reason the paint is smeared on the right is to represent movement,” said Ashlar. “We are always in movement and that helps portray that point.”

The poetry ranged in tone and themes. One poet struggled with a “beast” that is ravaging West Tennessee.

The meth epidemic was explored in this poem as the poet presented the imagery of a person shaking hands with skeletons of people he once knew. The poem was spoken from free memory and was quite powerful in its presentation.

Dealing with hangovers and the question of getting up out of bed, the warm feelings of a happy memory as well as the cards of fate moving you away from

the clutches of an evil meth beast were all subjects of the poetry that was presented.

The open mic night was free to the public and allowed the past, present, and future contributors to Beanswitch to demonstrate their talents.

The student-run publication is produced each semester with the editorial staff and volunteers sifting through the contributions of many students. Poetry, short stories, essays, photography, artwork and computer graphics are just a few items to be seen on the pages of Beanswitch.

The submission deadline has already passed, but there will be plenty of other BeanSwitch events during the course of the semester, including a release party that usually includes a poetry slam.

BeanSwitch meets every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Writing Center, Humanities 209. Anyone interested in finding out more about Beanswitch should contact the faculty adviser, Dr. Leslie Lachance.

A wedding doesn’t mean you have to break the bank

Rachel Rogers
Arts & Entertainment
Editor

So you’ve found that one special person that you want to spend the rest of your life with. You’ve gotten the ring, and now the only thing left is getting together to plan the big day.

The only problem is, how are you going to *pay* for everything?

According to the National Association of Wedding Ministers, the average cost of an American wedding is \$22,000. You want to have the fairy-tale wedding you’ve always dreamed of, but you and your future to-be are still in college, and money is tight. So what do you do?

Thankfully, there are endless tips that any bride will share that can help you save money in the long run.

“Hire a wedding coordinator,” says Melissa Johnson, a junior Secondary English major from Kenton who took a walk down the aisle last year. “It will save you time and money.”

Other tips that you should check out at www.fool.com suggest that you hold your reception in a non-traditional place, such as a public park. Don’t spend \$800 on a dress, which is what the National Association of Wedding Ministers says is what the average bride spends. After all, you’re only going to wear it once, so what’s the point of spending thousands of dollars on it? Watch for sales at places like David’s Bridal, which is where 20 percent of all brides

buy their dresses, according to the National Association of Wedding Ministers, and that percent is increasing. With annual \$99 gown sells, its easy to see why.

Also, www.fool.com says to think twice before getting married on a Saturday or in June. These are the most popular times for couples to get married, and people tend to get charged more when they plan a date on those times. And the biggest tip that www.fool.com can give you is to make the most of your wedding registry. register for everyday gifts, like dinnerware, silverware, sheets and blankets. That way, you won’t have to buy them later.

But that’s only part of a wedding. What about other things, like flowers and cakes?

“Find someone who will make you a cake instead of going to buy one from a bakery,” Johnson says. “And serve snacks like vegetables and fancy cheese and crackers instead of dinner. Even then, don’t get too fancy.”

And what about invitations, save-the-date cards, thank you notes? These are yet another wedding essential that can leave your wallet empty. One tip is to make your own. There are a number of software programs that will allow you to simply buy the cardstock you want and let your computer do the rest. Stores like Hobby Lobby have a large assortment of cardstock for you to turn into a beautiful wedding invitation. Other place, like Wal-Mart and wedding stores like David’s Bridal have invitations already made. All you have to do is print on them. This is also a great way to make wedding programs and menu cards.

Then, there’s flowers, which is one of the biggest concerns

any bride--- and groom--- can have. You probably want something nice, but not too expensive. Where can you get your bouquet made? What about flower petals for the flower girl?

Erin Smith, an English major who helps plans weddings, says to use silk flowers. “If you go to the right place, no one will be able to tell the difference. They look just as good, you’ll be able to keep your boquet forever and they’re a lot less expensive.”

These are just a few of the tips that you can find by checking out websites and talking to any bride. If you would like more tips, you can check out sites like www.weddingchannel.com and www.theknot.com.

Just remember: the wedding industry is a \$50 billion a year industry, and if you’re planning to get married while you’re still in college, \$22,00 is nothing more than a number.

So have fun, plan early and get ready to spend the rest of your life with that special someone.



Skyhawk baseball goes one-for-three in home opening series

UTM Sports Information

The Skyhawk baseball team opened the home portion of its 2006 campaign with a doubleheader split Saturday against visiting Bradley University. The Skyhawks lost the first game 7-2, but won the second game 4-3.

Skyhawk sophomore catcher Chris Rezabek went 2-for-3 at the plate in the first game, while sophomore Nick Luper doubled to center field to plate two runs.

The Skyhawks managed six hits off Bradley's starting pitcher Brandon Magee. The right-hander pitched all seven innings and struck out eight en route to his first win of the season.

The Skyhawks used three pitchers. Jacob Smothers suffered the loss and is now 0-2 on the season. He pitched 4.2 innings and allowed three hits, five runs and three walks. He struck out three.

Micky Dobson and Casey Estill also pitched. Dobson

worked one inning and gave up two hits, two runs and a walk. He struck out three. Estill pitched 1.1 innings and didn't allow a hit. He struck out two.

Bradley's Peter Malinowski hit a pinch-hit grand slam in the fifth inning to break open a 2-2 tie.

In the second game, the Skyhawks scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to grab their first victory of the season.

Chad Green had an RBI double in the inning and scored on a passed ball. Zane Gresback and Zach Dean also scored in the inning for the Skyhawks.

Chadwick Cameron picked up his first win of the season. Cameron pitched three innings in relief. He gave up two hits and struck out four.

Bradley's Peter Elmer was tagged with the loss. The Bradley starter, Collin Walker pitched 6.1 innings and gave up six hits, three runs and three walks. He struck out three.

The Skyhawks scored six

runs in the bottom of the ninth inning but it wasn't enough to beat Bradley Sunday afternoon in the third and final game of the three-game series.

Bradley (2-1) scored eight runs in the third inning, two in the fifth and four in the seventh inning to cruise past the host Skyhawks 14-6.

Skyhawk designated hitter Kevin Holt went 3-for-4 at the plate with an RBI in the bottom of the ninth.

Joe Raccuglia, Lance Renton and Dean had one hit and one RBI each in the game.

The Skyhawks had eight hits off four Bradley pitchers.

However, Bradley starter Michael Christle tossed six innings and only allowed two of the eight hits. Christle gave up three walks and struck out six en route to his first win of the season.

Ryan Rockholt took the loss for the Skyhawks. He falls to 0-2 on the year.

Eric Walker, Jimmy Gann and Nick Latimer also



SPORTS INFORMATION
Catcher Chris Rezabek tags out the Bradley runner at the plate during this weekend's home opening series against the Braves.

pitched for the Skyhawks. The four pitchers gave up a combined eight hits and eight walks, while striking out eight.

The Skyhawks fall to 1-5 on the season and return to action today when they

travel to the University of Memphis. Action gets underway at 4 p.m.

Ashton Strode has been named Skyhawk of the Week.



Sophomore Ashton Strode threw a two-hitter during Saturday's game against Middle Tennessee State University.

The right-handed transfer from Western Kentucky gave one run and two walks and picked up four strikeouts against the Blue Raiders in the MTSU Breast Cancer Strikeout Classic.

Corrections:

In last week's Pacer, the pictures from the UTM at Tenn. Tech men's basketball game were erroneously credited to Sports Information. The actual photographer was Tony Marable from Tenn. Tech.

Also, on last week's cover, the Hospitality House Softball Tournament was called the Hospitality House Baseball Tournament.

The Pacer regrets these errors and any inconvenience they might have caused.

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Softball lookstobalance,hittingforsuccessin2006

Brad Hurt
Assistant Sports Editor

With six starters returning from last year's squad, Coach Donley Canary expects big things out of his Skyhawk softball team in 2006.

Canary's team found success on the field last season, finishing with a 33-22 overall record. Their 15-11 mark in the OVC earned them fourth place in the conference. With eight returning players and a solid group of newcomers, this year's team has a chance to make some

noise in the conference.

"We return six starters from last year's team and several of them have been starters for the past three years so we are not working with a bunch of inexperienced players," Canary says.

Leading the charge for the Skyhawks will be senior outfielders Brandy Whalen and Jennifer Young. Whalen had a solid 2005 campaign, hitting .309 with 17 RBI, and led the conference with 26 stolen bases. Her performance led the conference's coaches to

name her to the All-OVC second team. Young also made major contributions to her team last year. The outfielder from Alpine, Calif., hit .302 with 15 doubles and 15 walks and drove in 19 runs. Her 19 stolen bases landed her in second place in the conference behind her teammate. Those two players will help the Skyhawks' hitting, which is the team's strong point, according to Canary.

This year's roster is defined by balance and depth. Those two qualities should help the Skyhawks over the course of the season should they encounter injuries along the way.

"Our balance allows us to develop players over a couple of years and not just throw them out there to play when they are not ready to perform at this level," Canary says.

Canary will count on several freshmen in particular to step up this year. He names utility player Savannah Roberts, shortstop Greer Long, and pitchers Kara Harper and Ashley Myatt as key parts of the

team.

Several junior college transfers are also expected to play a part for the Skyhawks this season. They will take some of the pressure away from the freshmen.

"Players like Justine Pineda, Stacey Weaver, Brittany Nash, and Ashton Strode must fill key roles for us now and perform," Canary says.

With 14 players expected to see regular action this season, the Skyhawks should have plenty of depth.

Youth will be one defining quality of the Skyhawk pitching staff this season. Junior Holly Templeton is the lone returning starter from last year. In 18 appearances while splitting time between the pitching circle and the outfield, Templeton recorded a 3.05 ERA and collected 37 strikeouts. She also contributed at the plate, where she hit .205 with 4 RBI.

"We are having to rebuild our pitching staff entirely, find our three, four, and five hitters, and develop

leadership on the team," Canary says.

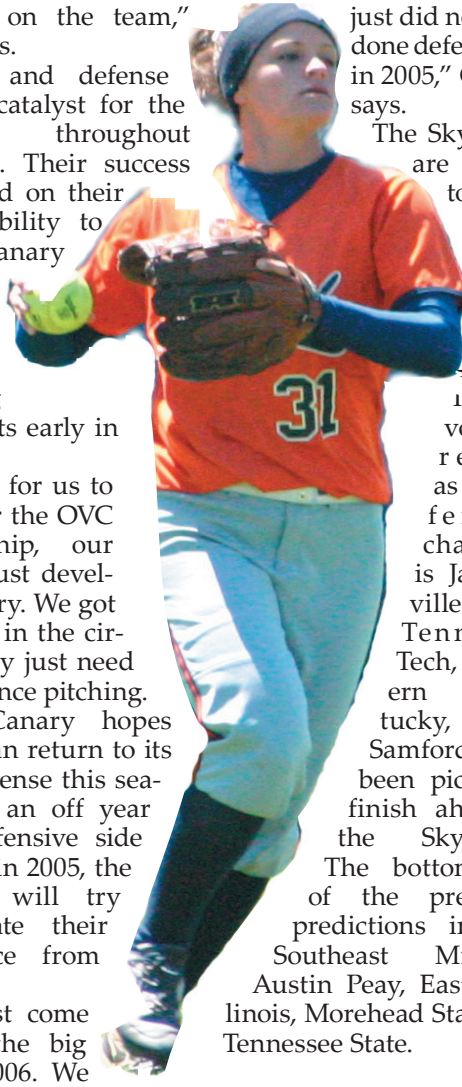
Pitching and defense will be a catalyst for the Skyhawks throughout the season. Their success will depend on their pitchers' ability to mature. Canary says this is the main reason for scheduling tournaments early in the season.

"In order for us to contend for the OVC championship, our pitchers must develop in a hurry. We got good arms in the circle and they just need the experience pitching. Coach Canary hopes his team can return to its past on defense this season. After an off year on the defensive side of the ball in 2005, the Skyhawks will try to duplicate their performance from 2004.

"We must come up with the big plays in 2006. We

just did not get it done defensively in 2005," Canary says.

The Skyhawks are picked to finish fifth in the OVC race this season. The favorite to repeat as conference champion is Jacksonville State. Tennessee Tech, Eastern Kentucky, and Samford have been picked to finish ahead of the Skyhawks. The bottom half of the preseason predictions includes Southeast Missouri, Austin Peay, Eastern Illinois, Morehead State, and Tennessee State.



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Sports Editor

The Skyhawk men's basketball team headed to Murray State on Saturday night for their final regular season game with the hopes of moving up just one spot in the conference standings before postseason play started.

The change from seventh to eighth place wouldn't have allowed them to play at home in the first round of the OVC tournament, but it would have given the Skyhawks a chance to avoid playing their biggest rival in the league for the third time, and for the second straight game in Murray.

Coupled with victories by other OVC teams that night and the eventual 81-63 loss to the Racers, the Skyhawks remain at the bottom of the post-season contenders headed into today's first round.

Things started out rocky for the Skyhawks at the RSEC, as Murray jumped out to a 13-0 lead 3:30 into the game.

The Skyhawks managed to pull to within three on a three pointer and layup by senior Jeremy Kelly, who finished the game with 25 points total.

This is the 22nd time this season that Kelly has finished in double digits, the 11th time with a point total 20 or above and the fourth consecutive game that he finished above that plateau.

Murray had no intentions of letting Kelly's feats steal the show and they went on another run, pulling ahead by 10, 24-14, with 10 minutes left in the half.

The Skyhawks battled back and cut the deficit to one with a little over four minutes to go on a layup by senior Jared Newson and then again on a tough shot by junior Bubba Tolliver.

But Murray's offense struck again and headed into the break, the Racers found themselves up by 12.

The second half didn't fair much better for the Skyhawks who quickly found themselves down by 16 off a jumper by Keith Jen-

nifer and two free throws from Darnell Hopkins.

With just under 15 minutes left, the Skyhawks closed the gap to just nine, which as close as they would be able to get the rest of the night.

Murray went deep in their bench for the 18 point victory, giving them their 19th OVC regular season championship.

Behind Kelly in scoring for the Skyhawks was junior Zerek Knight with 13 and Newson with 12.

Leading the team in rebounds was Newson with eight. Senior Cleve Woodfork and junior Will Lewis

each picked up five boards.

The Skyhawks finish out the regular season with a 13-14 overall record and a 9-10 record in conference play.

Tip-off for tonight's first round conference game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Regional Special Events Center in Murray, Ky.

The winner of this game will travel to the second round at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville to face the winner of the Jacksonville State(4) vs. Eastern Ky.(5) game.

Tip-off for that game is set for 6 p.m. on Friday.

OVC Tournament First Round

UTM vs. Murray State

Tonight, 7 p.m. @
the Regional Special Events Center

Murray, Ky.

Women finish out tough regular season with road loss to Lady Racers

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The Skyhawk women had a disappointing ending to an already tough season, as they lost to Murray State on Saturday, 58-45.

The Murray State Racers dominated the beginning of the game, as they were able to hold the Skyhawks scoreless for the first nine minutes of the game.

The Racers played very aggressive defense that really caused problems for

UTM.

The Skyhawks continued to fight, and they were able to answer with a run of their own. However, Murray State managed to build a 12-point lead at the half, 25-3.

The second half was an absolute battle, and the Skyhawks fought their way back into the game. UTM capped off a run as sophomore forward Crystal Fuller drove the lane for a layup with 2:44 left in the second half. The basket cut Murray State's lead down to 46-41.

Murray State went on to respond with a 12-4 run to close out the game. The Racers were led by Joi Scott who had a game-high 23 points, while Jill Fulkerson connected on five 3-pointers for her 15 points.

Junior forward Andreika Jackson led the Skyhawks with 11 points and 10 boards, for her fifth double-double of the season. Senior Keva Robinson added nine points and six rebounds, while Deina Willingham and Fuller both added eight points each.

The season marks the second year under head coach

Tara Tansil. The Skyhawks finished the season with an 8-19 overall record, including a 6-14 record in the OVC. The team finished tenth in conference standings and was eliminated from post season play.

The Skyhawks lose their one senior starter, Robinson. The Skyhawks will miss Robinson's leadership presence on the court as she led the team in assists with 71.

She was also first in blocks, second in steals, third in scoring, and fourth in rebounding.

The Skyhawks are returning four starters, including team captains Andreika Jackson and Deina Willingham. Jackson finishes the season as the ninth all time leading scorer in UT Martin history with 1092 points.

Jackson led the team in points and rebounding with averages of 15.2 and 7.9, respectively. Willingham was second on the team in points with 11.3 and second in rebounds with 7.5.

The duo will look to be more assertive next season and cause match-up problems for teams in the OVC.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore Crystall Fuller battles against the Lady Racer in Saturday night's season finale loss in Murray. The Skyhawk women finish the season in 10th place in the Ohio Valley Conference, two spots out of making the post season.

The Skyhawks also look to return senior Nicole Rivers, who was red shirted last season due to a knee injury.

Rivers started in every game she played during the 2004-05 season. She came

to UTM from Three Rivers Community College where she was named all-region and all-conference.

Also, Kentucky high school prospect, Nicole Holman has already committed to coming to UTM

next season. "We are excited about Nicole choosing UTM," coach Tansil said. "She will come in and make an immediate impact on our program."

Women's Basketball Final Record

Overall: 8-19

Conference Play: 6-14